

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
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- ☒ New
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05/18/2021

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

114178447

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

EPA-OP-OEJ-21-01

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6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

Florida

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Bonifay Main Street Association Inc.

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

84-2747989

* c. Organizational DUNS:

1141784470000

d. Address:

* Street1:

121 Waukesha Street

Street2:

* City:

Bonifay

County/Parish:

Holmes

* State:

FL: Florida

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

32425-0121

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Grants

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

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* First Name:

Maria

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Gomez

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Title:

President

Organizational Affiliation:

Bonifay Main Street Association

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

M: Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.604

CFDA Title:

Environmental Justice Small Grant Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OP-OEJ-21-01

* Title:

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Bonifay GreenSpark Project - Building Environmental Justice Resiliency for Low-income Rural Community in an Opportunity Zone

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="75,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="75,000.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email: * Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed:

1.0 PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- **Project Title:** BONIFAY GREEN SPARK PROJECT
- **Project Location:** 188 S Waukesha Street, Bonifay, Florida 32425
- **Applicant Information:** Bonifay Main Street Association, 121 N Waukesha Street, Bonifay, Florida. Maria Gomez, President, (305) 877-8687. Mgomez1016@aol.com
- **Are you applying for Ports Initiative Funding?** No
- **Are you a small nonprofit organization intending to apply under the small non-profit organization set-aside described in this RFA (10 or fewer full-time employees)?** YES
- **Brief Description of Applicant Organization** -- The Bonifay Main Street Association lead by a minority woman and supported by community volunteers, focuses on environmental justice and economic revitalization of the downtown development district through activities, education/training programs, and incentives for the low-income residents and small businesses within the main street core. We strive to be a positive force by working with the community, small businesses, and local/state officials to initiate new practices that revitalize, preserve, and promote our historic rural downtown as a vibrant destination for residents and visitors to gather, shop, work, and enjoy.
- **Which Environmental Statute(s) does your project qualify for?**
Clean Air Act, Section 103(b)(3), Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, sec. 20(a)
- **Project Type:** Training, monitoring, demonstration projects, public education
- **Special Considerations** –
 - **Public Education, Training, Emergency Planning, and/or Investigations on Impacts of COVID-19 on Underserved Communities and Vulnerable Populations.** Local food access and education to reduce vehicle travel and fuel emissions is an important climate change education/training component of the project to eliminate pollution, address disproportionate environmental or public health harms and risks to our low-income populations, while developing a public education and community outreach program for the underserved and vulnerable community that involves new approaches that will be used in the current project and future initiatives to reduce vehicle travel and fuel emissions. In addition, the project has an integral component of education and training for the community to enhance and incorporate new skills enabling a workforce that is better able to compete in the next generation job market.
 - **Illegal Dumping** - Illegal dumping is also addressed at part of The Bonifay Green Spark Project. The vacant building has been vandalized and the community continues to deal with clean-up of illegal dumping, further adding to environmental concerns and safety in

the area. There is no clean up as part of this project however, completion of the project will eliminate this issue.

- **Climate, Disaster Resiliency, and/or Emergency Preparedness** - The effects of climate change and extreme weather events experienced by the City of Bonifay have adversely impacted the already vulnerable community disproportionately. These buildings suffered greatly after Hurricane Michael & Irma, and further in the face of tornados and recent floods.
- **Opportunity Zone** - The project is located in an Opportunity Zone.

• **List of Project Partners** – Bonifay City Council (City of Bonifay local govt)
Holmes County Commission; Downtown Development Revitalization Committee of Bonifay;
Wild Horses Run LLC (Building owner on Main Street across the street); Community Green
Volunteers (community residents). Poplar High School (City of Bonifay High School).

• **Project Abstract** - The Bonifay Green Spark project is a garden/food-based, hands-on environmental literacy education/training/development program that will give residents the opportunity to engage in nature through the cultivation of a food garden and distribution center in the heart of a low-income community. The location is a twice hurricane impacted building that has been vandalized and used as a drug haven. The main objective of this project is to address lack of access to healthy foods as a public health issue, while lowering emissions by eliminating the need to travel long distances for food, and addressing environmental justice challenges for this vulnerable community based in an Opportunity Zone. Additionally, the project aims to increase the community's knowledge and capacity to influence environmental justice issues that disproportionately impact them through training and education series.

Project goals include: (1) increase the number of residents that know about food scarcity, composting/organic waste, and use of safe pesticides, (2) increase the number of residents and businesses that grow healthy foods to encourage shopping local, and (3) increase the number of retail businesses that sell healthy foods in the neighborhood to eliminate long distance travel, lowering emissions. (4) Integrate a long lasting education and training program that involves new or experimental technologies, methods, or approaches; where the results of the project will be shared so that others can benefit from the knowledge gained for future projects, (5) create jobs that have an interest in environmental change and effectiveness for future generations.

• **Will you need to develop a QAPP for your project?** NO

B. Environmental and Public Health information of the Underserved Community

Who is the community comprised of and what are the disproportionate environmental and/or public health issues they experience? Bonifay is a city in Holmes County, Florida. Bonifay was founded in 1882 when the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad were built across the Florida Panhandle. The low-income community has a rich history but is extremely vulnerable to environmental injustices.

Bonifay Green Spark is an eco-friendly urban Agri-community project developed to address the rural, low-income community of Bonifay, Florida, with now less than 2,067 residents. After Hurricane Michael & Irma, storms, economic downturns, and COVID, the Bonifay community has been dealing with complete climate change devastation of this Opportunity Zone.

Further, the community suffers from environmental justice challenges and lack of healthy food supply for residents, with only one restaurant in town which recently closed due to Covid for a population of 2,067, forcing residents to drive over 25 minutes for food, entertainment, shopping, & healthcare, further increasing fuel emissions. This hardship has also been pushing residents to move to more populated cities. We believe if this trend continues, Bonifay will either be non-existent over the next 10 years or its population will suffer from an even worse Opioid addiction crisis.

The site is situated in a transition zone between commercial and residential streetscapes. This transition is reflected in the density and mixed-use character of the community. This has long been a forgotten community even though over 15,000 travel through the center of town via Highway 79 on their way to the State of Alabama or Panama City, Florida, a tremendous business opportunity.

The population is below poverty level with the estimated median annual income for a household in the city \$25,060, and the median income for a family \$37,407. **The EJSCREEN Report**, which we have attached per the guidance of Jacob Burney, details the downturn of the area which needs stabilization of its faltering neighborhoods to once again provide a point of pride for residents.

The local environmental/public health results our project seeks to achieve and how will the underserved community benefit from those results have been detailed below: As part of the project: (1) potentially affected Bonifay community residents will have an appropriate opportunity to participate in decisions about proposed environmental/education/training activities that will affect their community/health; (2) the public's contribution, including engagement of local building owners and small existing and potential businesses, will provide a support network for current and future projects, as well as new jobs; (3) the concerns of all participants involved, the community, small business in the area, and the Bonifay City Council will be considered in the decision-making process; and (4) The Bonifay Main Street Association (501 C3) will seek out and facilitate the involvement of those affected in the area to bring about current and future change. (5) Emissions will be lowered as a result of the completed project. (6) An underserved community will be provided with the tools (education/training/activities) to provide new jobs.

C. Organization's Historical Connection to the Underserved Community

The Bonifay Main Street Association Inc (501 C3) was created to address the needs of the struggling community. The goal was to create an organization that would be a central point for change and revitalization of Downtown, while supporting climate justice, and creating new jobs through education and training. We wanted to give the residents of Bonifay hope again.

We created the organization and quickly organized partnerships that included: *the City of Bonifay, Holmes County Commission, the Downtown Development Commission, private business and building owners, and most importantly those that live in Bonifay.*

We worked to learn what the community wanted to make the area livable again through community meetings, civic leader participation, and City government support. We organized local community events that included food drives, art exhibits, craft sales, to provide area residents the opportunity to connect and promote local buying options, to further support lowering of emission. The key was to educate the community that buying local meant less emissions, in turn saving the environment. The Buy Local campaign was the first step in re-establishing faith in the future, next we needed to address the vacant and vandalized buildings, which is where are today with the Bonifay Green Spark project.

We achieved the participation of over 60% of the community in attendance on average at every community event. The residents were hungry for local options and we knew we had to address their needs.

We identified the worst and most vandalized structure and purchased the buildings with a goal to make a difference in the community.

Community driven participation was essential for our success. Community volunteers, over 50, have worked tirelessly to create an environment of trust with residents. In addition, the City of Bonifay is focusing on options to revitalize Downtown to make the area safer for residents. Surveys were created and provided to residents to make their voices heard regarding the future of Downtown.

D. Project Linkages and Partnerships.

EPA's Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022 Goal 2 (More Effective Partnerships); Objective 2.2 (Increase Transparency and Public Participation): At every touch point since the start of the project we have listened to and collaborated with impacted stakeholders and provided effective platforms for public participation and meaningful engagement at local events and through social media. We initiated an opportunity for all area stakeholders to have a voice in what was a desired use for the vandalized structure. Those impacted spoke overwhelmingly that the Bonifay Green Spark project was the best use for the structure. Before, during, and after execution of the project public participation will continue to be integral to the success of the education and training initiatives that will support climate change, urban agriculture education and business, and new jobs. The goal is always to build community support, provide education assistance, partnerships, and meaningful engagement. To this end, there will be a set schedule of training/educational programs for the area stakeholders, as well as area youths that have voiced their support for additional understanding of local green farming distribution centers.

Environmental Outputs:

- Approximately 2000 Bonifay residents will be given the opportunity to participate in the Urban Agricultural training and educational program.
- A survey tool will be implemented to collecting data from stakeholders/residents for a community assessment of the program initiatives and for development of further expansion of resident green needs.
- Local farmers will be organized to provide education leadership green classes at the site for youth and resident stakeholders.
- A community wide green initiative program will de-emphasize the use of automobile travel by integrating over 50 local farmers to provide health alternatives at the Green Spark Center.

Environmental Outcomes:

- Short-term - Increase number of residents/stakeholder participation in the Green Spark program, while creating partnerships to further local food distribution.
- Intermediate (change in behavior) - Increase number of residents/stakeholder that will opt to purchase foods locally, eliminating travel, and lowering gas emissions. Further, prevent vandalizing of site by providing a safe green space that will be supported and protected by area stakeholders. (6 - 12 months after project)
- Long-term (change in conditions) – Reduction in emissions, increase access to local food distribution, revitalization of Main Street increasing small business startups. (2+ years after project)
- Creation of 25 plus permanent jobs in the area through education and training.

THE EPA EJSCREEN charts attached to this submission depicts a community with so much history and so much future climate justice potential.

Partnerships identified for the project:

Partners	Project Activities	Resources
City of Bonifay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regulation guidance.• Volunteer Recognition.• GreenSpark promotion to County, State of Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Meetings• Organization of meetings with County and State Officials.
Holmes County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• County Code Guidance.• Volunteer Recognition.• GreenSpark promotion to State of Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• County Meetings• Organization with appropriate State Officials.
Downtown Development Revitalization Committee of Bonifay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promotion of Buy Local program to support the GreenSpark Project.• Revitalization support of Green Spark Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to business owners in the area that will be the key to furthering the GreenSpark project today and in the future.

	elements to further diminish emissions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners in training and education program through leader participation.
Wild Horses Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest building owner in Main Street to provide venues for meetings to provide updates to the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building venue for meetings.
Community Green Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community organization Buy Local Campaign Development Greenspark promotion leading up to the unveiling and after School resource and training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talent pool of stakeholders. Ability to organize events to share information with stakeholders. Trainers and education providers for the community.
Poplar High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational/training for in person and online. Events/activities that promote environmentally safe training methods Participation in all phases of project to further promote goals of environmental justice for future generations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to local students Participation by teachers Integration of parents in the process

Partners Vested Interest: All of our partners receive zero compensation. Even the Bonifay Main Street Association does not receive a dollar from the grant to administer. Our partners payment is simple and priceless, the betterment of our community for years to come. We all have donated our time and volunteer hours because we care about the environmental future of our City, our world. We want to do our part for the betterment of the environment and our neighborhoods, there is not greater payment.

Planning for the Future: Our plans to maintain and sustain these partnerships in the future is to continue a strong program of community events that focus on environmental justice and a vision for climate change that will make a difference for the next generation in relation to jobs, opportunity and hope.

We have developed a foundation of volunteers that work in our schools, City and County departments, and local businesses to further the GreenSpark message. We believe the foundation is a strong one. We have been able to achieve great success with successful community events and City/County support for our efforts. We have great leaders in the GreenSpark project that will lead: *food distribution events, community events, training and education seminars, and mentor youths* in the GreenSpark venue, making a difference in the community for years to come. To this end, our offices will be located at the center of Downtown, steps from the initial Green Spark Project. The goal, for this project to be a catalyst for more in the same area.

We have established a clear path to continued GreenSpark growth through the training/education programs that we will implement at the venue site to promote Green projects for environmental health and wellbeing, as well as establishment of new jobs in the community.

2.0 Project Activities / Milestone Schedule / Detailed Budget Narrative

- a. **Project Activities** – We have a clear vision and plan to meet the program objectives and execute the Bonifay GreenSpark project. Below please find descriptions and details for each project activity and the anticipated products/results associated with each activity.

Activities	Outputs	Audience	Short-Term Outcomes	Intermediate Outcomes	Long Term Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue revitalization • Local food distribution center development • Identify potential partners in the City, County, State to further GreenSpark initiative. • Develop social media and mail out campaign to garner support • Provide training and educational seminars to youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 meetings with area residents • 600 residents reached through social media, community events. • 400 residents to provide support and input • Create a website to showcase the GreenSpark Program • 2000 residents to receive an update upon completion of GreenSpark venue with an invitation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City, state, local govt. • Local partners • Community stakeholders/residents • Students from elementary to high school • Teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in # of local stakeholders committed to project and addressing community's environmental issues (target(s) = 3 govt. partners, 15 teachers, 5 community leaders) • Increase the # of residents awareness about Environmental Justice issues (Target(s) = 600 residents) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase # of residents that participate in the program • Increase in # of various stakeholders participating in efforts to address issues concerning climate change/environmental justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce emissions by encouraging purchase of food & healthcare locally. • Educate the community on climate change. • Achieve environmental justice for the City • Create 25 new environmentally focused positions

- **Itemized Budget Sheet / Budget Narrative – TOTAL \$75,000**

A. Salaries– Total: \$0

Program Director – The Program Director is the Executive Director of the Bonifay Main Street Association, Maria Gomez, Hispanic minority. She will oversee the program and will spend 100% of her time hiring, supervising, training staff and overseeing contractors. This individual's annual salary is \$0 through the completion of the project. She volunteers over 40 hours of volunteer time weekly to the Association/City of Bonifay to further the revitalization of Main Street. ***Donated Value: \$25,000***

Outreach Volunteer - will spend 100% of time providing direct service to the community residents (organizing events, community meetings, one-on-one meeting with City officials, determining schedule of social media outreach). The volunteer will spend approximately 20 hours a week implementing outreach. ***Donated Value: \$12,000***

Trainers – the goal is for training to be the catalyst for the community to go green, lower emissions, and create jobs in the sector. This volunteer will provide over 45 hours of training on environmentally sound procedures for students and area residents in relation to: Managing a just transition to environmentally sustainable economies and societies; fostering green business growth; local trades engagement and buy-in for new and improved environmental procedures for capacity building. ***Donated Value: \$5,000***

B. Equipment – Total \$3,000 - One irrigation pump will be purchased to facilitate the water supply for the landscaping portion of the Greenspark program. The pump will be placed at the back of the building and will provide irrigation for the foliage. There will be additional supplies needed to prepare the area for the irrigation pump, including piping.

C. Supplies – Total \$55,000 - For this project are the core foundation for the GreenSpark Climate Initiative is creation of a green distribution center that will provide a source for food, education, training, and environmental revitalization. Landscaping/soil/pots and stable, environmentally sustainable flooring will be placed by a Landscape Artist inside the structure (\$55,000). The Landscape Artist, and all trades are required to provide an education and training component on the methods used to incorporate all elements of design and installation.

D. Contractual - \$17,000 - In order for the GreenSpark Landscaping to achieve economic justice goals we will be hiring a Landscaping Engineer = \$3,500 to provide guidance as to the foliage and irrigation for the plants. Further we will install an irrigation system (\$7,000) to maintain the facility, lighting for safer environment that will also support green growth within the project (\$6,500). The Landscape Engineer, and all trades are required to provide an education and training component on the methods used to incorporate all elements of design and installation.

E. Donated from the Community – We have received donated equipment for the GreenSpark project totaling over \$25,000 in estimated value. (1) Outdoor Tables – (\$2,000), (2) Chairs/benches – (\$3,000), (3) Container for Food Distribution (\$20,000), (4) Salaries (\$42,000). The donations have been priceless to the project. **TOTAL: \$67,000**

3.0 Environmental Results – Outputs, Outcomes, Tracking and Sustainability

Resources	Activities	Outputs	Audience	Short-Term Outcomes	Intermediate Outcomes	Long Term Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff time • In-kind contributions • Volunteers • Partnership Organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue revitalization • Local food distribution center development • Identify potential partners in the City, County, State to further GreenSpark initiative. • Develop social media and mail out campaign to garner support • Provide survey and one on one interactive elements to increase stakeholder support • Provide training and educational seminars to youth and residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 meetings with area residents • 600 residents reached through social media, community events. • 400 residents to provide support and input • Create a website to showcase the GreenSpark Program • 2000 residents to receive an update upon completion of GreenSpark venue with an invitation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City, state, local govt. • Local partners • Community stakeholders/ residents • Students from elementary to high school • Teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in # of local stakeholders committed to project and addressing community's environmental issues (target(s) = 3 govt. partners, 15 teachers, 5 community leaders) • Increase the # of residents awareness about Climate Change and Environmental Justice issues (Target(s) = 600 residents) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase # of residents that participate in the program • Increase in # of various stakeholders participating in efforts to address issues concerning climate change/environmental justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce emissions by encouraging purchase of food & healthcare locally. • Educate the community on climate change. • Achieve environmental justice for the City • Eliminate vandalism opportunities making it safer for residents • Create 25 jobs

Performance Measurement Plan – The Bonifay Main Street Association will track and monitor the GreenSpark Project throughout the project period with the goal of achieving the expected outputs, outcomes, and associated timeframes below.

Activities	Outputs	Outcomes	Time Frame
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue revitalization • Local food distribution center development • Identify potential partners in the City, County, State to further GreenSpark initiative. • Develop social media and mail out campaign to garner support • Provide survey and one on one interactive elements to increase stakeholder support • Provide training and educational seminars to youth and residents to further support program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 meetings with area residents • 600 residents reached through social media, community events. • 400 residents to provide support and input • Create a website to showcase the GreenSpark Program • 2000 residents to receive an update upon completion of GreenSpark venue with an invitation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase # of residents that participate in the program • Increase in # of various stakeholders participating in efforts to address issues concerning climate change/environmental justice • Lower emissions • Increase local food distribution • Provide a safe community zone • Address Climate Change • Support environmental justice • Create 25 new jobs in the sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial project launch 2 weeks from announcement. • Website, social media announcements to generate volunteer and resident attention by Sept 2021 • Project contractor finalization October 2021 • Alert and address community concerns at open/zoom meetings October 2021 • Begin to organize annual food event schedule November 2021 • Organize Landscaping Engineer to walk and design Nov 2021 • Begin plumbing/irrigation/lighting work on structure December 2021 • Develop and mail/post, Mail Outs/Social Media campaigns to the community December 2021 • Invite volunteers, community leaders, stakeholders, to the site to review progress January 2021 • Generate attention for program throughout conception and execution at schools via presentations, Jan 2021 • Order landscaping items per Landscaping Engineers by January 2021 • Install all landscaping elements at structure February/March 2021 • Finalize unveiling and ribbon cutting April 2021 • Invite community (Mail out and social media) for unveiling April 2021 • Begin next phase development for continued event/training execution at venue, May 2021

Sustainability Plan and Community Vision – The proposed project fits within the broader range of environmental and revitalization activities that are currently ongoing in the community. Currently community volunteers have begun the renovation of another building in the area with the goal of

addressing and encouraging training and lowering emissions by giving the community more than one location to achieve food distribution. The project involved volunteers, clean up, plumbing and electrical infrastructure revitalization, with a training component for volunteers to understand the importance of green sustainability within the business district.

4.0 Programmatic Capabilities

- a. **Organization Experience.** The Bonifay Main Street Association has already achieved the implementation of education and training activities for the community that have included building renovation projects, organized civic leadership programs to educate on the importance of business district revitalization, and created and implemented on a strategic vision for more green spaces for the center core of Bonifay Main Street. Completed projects have included: two building sites 8,000 sqft, an educational initiative of over 6 events with small business owners, and over 5 community events.
- b. **Staff Experience/Qualifications.** The organizational experience of the Executive Director (**PROJECT MANAGER**) includes over 25 years of building and landscaping development and oversight as a project & property manager. In addition, she has strong ties to the community with the implementation of an educational program that focused on mom and pop shop support, as well as small business development initiatives that have translated to into three new small businesses opening on Main Street. Formerly as Vice President of Marketing and Communication for The Beacon Council, the economic development arm for Miami-Dade County, Florida, Gomez was committed to helping local businesses prosper by creating economic development programs, activities, and events. The economic centric programs assisted more than 25 companies in moving to Florida, which created more than 2,400 direct jobs and \$50 million in new capital investment. In partnership with Enterprise Florida, International Trade Consortium, Miami-Dade County Commissioners, the Downtown Development Authority, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, and local private sector, the efforts created the One Community One Goal program which furthered the creation of jobs in the community.

VOLUNTEER STAFF will include local teachers, trainers, civic leaders, government officials that have a vested interest in the success of the GreenSpark project. All of the volunteers have prior experience working on City projects that have included sidewalk beautification, park revitalization, community organization, and training and education systems development. Specific projects have included updating of Veterans Park greens and equipment, organization and implementation of the sidewalk beautification project, repaving grant project in the center of the City of Bonifay.

- c. **Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds.** Awarded funds will be expended in a timely and efficient manner by use of Quickbooks monitoring and quarterly financial audits.

5.0 Past Performance. Our organization has no past grants experience. We have worked in partnership with private community donors in the area to facilitate existing renovation and revitalization projects that were completed successfully. Those projects included over 8,000 sqft of renovated space and an education and training program that we have executed through our own community volunteer efforts.

6.0 Quality Assurance Project Plan. We do not believe we need a QAPP at this time.